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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

20 October 20, 2015


PATRICK OGAWA
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**ADOPT CONTRIBUTION OF HIGHWAYS-THROUGH-CITIES FUNDING AND
ADOPT AND ADVERTISE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
CRENSHAW BOULEVARD FROM ROSECRANS AVENUE TO CRESTRIDGE ROAD
TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION PROJECT
IN THE CITIES OF GARDENA, HAWTHORNE, LOMITA, ROLLING HILLS ESTATES, AND
TORRANCE AND IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF EL CAMINO VILLAGE
APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY-CITY COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 2 AND 4)
(4 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to authorize Highways-Through-Cities financial assistance to the Cities of Gardena, Hawthorne, Lomita, Rolling Hills Estates, and Torrance and to approve and advertise the Crenshaw Boulevard project in the Cities of Gardena, Hawthorne, Lomita, Rolling Hills Estates, and Torrance and in the unincorporated community of El Camino Village; find this project categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; adopt Resolution No. 3964 and the plans and specifications; approve the cooperative agreement between the County of Los Angeles and the City of Rolling Hills Estates to participate in the County of Los Angeles' Traffic Signal Synchronization Program; authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute the cooperative agreement and adopt and advertise a construction contract with the responsible contractor with the lowest responsible bid; deliver the project; and delegate certain responsibilities to the Director of Public Works or her designee to carry out this project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find this project categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

BIDS: November 17, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.

2. Adopt Resolution No. 3964 finding that the project is of general County interest and that County of Los Angeles aid in the form of Highways-Through-Cities funds in the amount of \$1,846,000 shall be provided to the Cities of Gardena, Hawthorne, Lomita, Rolling Hills Estates, and Torrance to be expended in accordance with all applicable provisions of law relating to funds derived from the Proposition C local sales tax.
3. Approve and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute a cooperative agreement between the County of Los Angeles and the City of Rolling Hills Estates to participate in the County of Los Angeles' Traffic Signal Synchronization Program.
4. Approve and advertise the project and adopt the plans and specifications that are on file in the Construction Division of the Department of Public Works for traffic signal modification, at an estimated construction contract cost between \$1,200,000 and \$1,700,000.
5. Instruct the Acting Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise for bids in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisement, and which are to be received before 11 a.m. on November 17, 2015, in accordance with the Notice Inviting Bids.
6. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to determine whether the bid of the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest apparent responsive bid is, in fact, responsive and, if not responsive, to determine which apparent responsible contractor submitted the lowest responsive bid.
7. Delegate to the Director of Public Works or her designee the following authority in connection with this contract: (1) allow substitution of subcontractors and relief of bidders upon demonstration of the grounds set forth in Public Contract Code Sections 4100 et seq. and 5100 et seq., respectively and (2) extend the date and time for the receipt of bids consistent with the requirements of Public Contract Code Section 4104.5.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is for the Board to approve and advertise the project, adopt Resolution No. 3964 and the plans and specifications, approve and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute a Cooperative Agreement between the County of Los Angeles and the City of Rolling Hills Estates to participate in the County of Los Angeles' Traffic Signal Synchronization Program, and delegate certain responsibilities to the Director to carry out this project.

Board adoption of the enclosed resolution approves the County contribution of Highways-Through-Cities (HTC) funds of \$1,846,000 to finance the Cities of Gardena, Hawthorne, Lomita, Rolling Hills Estates, and Torrance jurisdictional shares of the project cost.

Sections 1680-1683 of the California Streets and Highways Code provide that the Board of Supervisors of any County may, by a resolution adopted by a four-fifths vote of its members, determine that certain types of road improvements are of general County interest and that County aid shall be extended therefor.

The purpose of the cooperative agreement with the City of Rolling Hills is to formalize the roles and responsibilities associated with operation of the traffic signals upon completion of the Department of

Public Works traffic signal synchronization construction projects. The Cities of Gardena, Hawthorne, Lomita, and Torrance have already executed or do not require this agreement to be executed for Traffic Signal Synchronization Program projects.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3). The recommended actions will help achieve these goals by providing improved traffic flow for the traveling public, which will benefit the Cities and community.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated construction contract cost to complete this project is in the range of \$1,200,000 to \$1,700,000. The total project cost is estimated to be \$2,409,000. In addition to the construction contract cost, the total project cost includes the cost of plans and specifications, consultant services, materials testing, construction engineering, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, and other County services. See the attached table for the share of total project cost amongst the six jurisdictions involved and their corresponding HTC funding.

The project cost will be financed with \$1,760,000 in Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority Call for Projects, Proposition C Discretionary Grant funds for the South Bay Traffic Signal Forum, and \$649,000 in Proposition C Local Return match funds. On an annual basis, the Board has established a \$2,500,000 top-of-pot (TOP) allocation from the Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget for the County's Traffic Congestion Management Program. The \$649,000 will be funded from this TOP allocation. The \$1,846,000 in HTC funds consists of Proposition C Discretionary Grant funds and Proposition C Local Return funds. Financing for the construction of this project is included in the Proposition C Local Return Fund Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The cooperative agreement and enclosed resolution have been approved as to form by County Counsel.

This project is part of the Department of Public Works' ongoing program for transportation system management. It will be advertised in accordance with Section 20392 of the State Public Contract Code.

This project is to be completed in 100 working days. It is anticipated the work will start in April 2016 and be completed in September 2016.

The award of the contract will be in full compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations. The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to comply with terms and conditions supporting the Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County's Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203;

Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the Los Angeles County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; the Los Angeles County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

To ensure the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by the contractor will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

The cooperative agreement provides for the County and the City of Rolling Hills Estates to adhere to stated responsibilities involved in Traffic Signal Synchronization Program (TSSP) projects. The Cities of Hawthorne's and Gardena's traffic signals on Crenshaw Boulevard are maintained by Public Works and, therefore, do not require a cooperative agreement. The intersection involving the City of Lomita is maintained by the City of Torrance, which has chosen to complete and maintain their own traffic signal timing and, therefore, do not require an agreement.

Since 1988, the Department of Public Works has administered TSSP projects, which have provided a means to coordinate synchronization between arterials of regional significance. These improvements have provided congestion relief and substantially increased mobility through reduced travel times. The intent of the cooperative agreement is to document the roles and responsibilities of the Cities and the County when entering into TSSP projects and to confirm the associated liabilities of each agency. Nothing in these agreements will alter the current roles and responsibilities of the Cities and the County in operating and maintaining the traffic signals and signal systems within their respective jurisdiction. The effective date of the cooperative agreement with the City of Rolling Hills is upon the installation of traffic signal timing for individual intersections with respect to each stated arterial.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Sections 15301(c) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and Class 1 Subsections (n)(x), (x)(4), (x)(7), (x)(14) and (x)(22) of the Environmental Reporting Procedures and Guidelines previously adopted by the Board. These exemptions provide for new curb ramp, modification of existing traffic signal systems, establishing parking prohibition, reconstruction of curbs ramps, and maintenance of existing roadway facilities.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This project will be contracted on an open-competitive bid basis. A recommendation for award by the Board will be made upon review of the bids. The contract will be awarded to a responsible

contractor who submits the lowest responsive bid meeting the criteria established by the Board and the State Public Contract Code.

To increase contractor awareness of Public Works' program to contract work out to the private sector, this project will be listed on both the County's "Doing Business with Us" and Public Works' "Contract Opportunities" websites for upcoming bids.

In addition, in order to increase opportunities for small businesses, Public Works will be coordinating with the Office of Small Business to maximize outreach.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by providing improved traffic flow thereby benefiting the Cities and community.

CONCLUSION

Please return two adopted copies of this letter, with signed copies of the resolution, to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division and Traffic and Lighting Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail Farber". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

GAIL FARBER

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rochelle Goff)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Internal Services Department (Countywide
Contract Compliance)

**RESOLUTION NO. 3964 OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, TO EXTEND COUNTY AID TO THE CITIES OF
GARDENA, HAWTHORNE, LOMITA, TORRANCE, AND ROLLING HILLS ESTATES
FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL
SYNCHRONIZATION IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the CITIES OF GARDENA, HAWTHORNE, LOMITA, TORRANCE, AND ROLLING HILLS ESTATES, hereinafter referred to as CITIES and the COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, hereinafter referred to as COUNTY, desire to modify and synchronize the traffic signals along Crenshaw Boulevard from Rosecrans Avenue to Crestridge Road, which work is hereinafter referred to as PROJECT; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY proposes to construct PROJECT at no cost to CITIES; and

WHEREAS, the PROJECT is located and will be utilized within the jurisdictional limits of CITIES; and

WHEREAS, PROJECT is of general interest to CITIES and COUNTY; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY AND CITIES previously executed or will execute cooperative agreements which outline the roles and responsibilities associated with the PROJECT; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of PROJECT is currently estimated to be Two Million Four Hundred Nine Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$2,409,000.00); and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) Call for Projects, Proposition C Discretionary Grant funds for the South Bay Forum, and COUNTY'S Proposition C Local Return match funds; and

WHEREAS, the total PROJECT cost will be financed with One Million Seven Hundred Sixty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,760,000.00) in LACMTA Call for Projects, Proposition C Discretionary Grant funds for the South Bay Forum and Six Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$649,000.00) in Proposition C Local Return match funds; and

WHEREAS, on an annual basis, a Two Million Five Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) top-of-pot (TOP) allocation from the Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget has been established for COUNTY'S Traffic Congestion Management Program; and

WHEREAS, the Six Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$649,000.00) will be funded from this TOP allocation; and

WHEREAS, PROJECT is consistent with the scope of work for traffic improvements within CITIES pursuant to Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Number P00F1311 between COUNTY and LACMTA; and

WHEREAS, PROJECT roles and responsibilities between CITIES and COUNTY are described in the Traffic Signal Synchronization Program cooperative agreements; and

WHEREAS, such a proposal is authorized and provided for by the provisions of Sections 1680-1683 of the California Streets and Highways Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved as follows:

SECTION 1. The PROJECT is of general COUNTY interest and County aid shall be extended therefore.

SECTION 2. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, COUNTY consents, pursuant to the provisions of Streets and Highways Code sections 1680-1683, to extend aid to CITIES in the amount of One Million Eight Hundred Forty-Six Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,846,000.00) for PROJECT from the Proposition C Discretionary Grant funds and Proposition C Local Return funds, to be expended in accordance with all applicable provisions of law relating to funds derived from the Proposition C local sales tax.

SECTION 3. The financial obligations of the COUNTY are expressly conditioned upon obtaining reimbursement from LACMTA pursuant to MOU Number P00F1311 between COUNTY and LACMTA.

SECTION 4. If any provision of this resolution is held or declared to be invalid, the resolution shall be void and the consent granted hereunder shall lapse.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted on the 20th day of October, 2015, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

PATRICK OGAWA
Acting Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles



By Carla Little
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MARY WICKHAM
Interim County Counsel

By WM
Deputy

TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODIFICATION AND SYNCHRONIZATION
CRENSHAW BOULEVARD

CRENSHAW BOULEVARD FUNDING		
	PROJECT COSTS	HTC FUNDS
COUNTY	\$ 563,000	0
GARDENA	\$ 689,000	\$ 689,000
HAWTHORNE	\$ 172,000	\$ 172,000
LOMITA	\$ 44,000	\$ 44,000
TORRANCE	\$ 856,000	\$ 856,000
ROLLING HILLS ESTATES	\$ 85,000	\$ 85,000
Total	\$2,409,000	\$1,846,000